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Application No.: 10/509,879 ) Examiner: Unassigned  
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For: MOORING OF A FLOATABLE )  
UNIT TO A VESSEL SIDE )

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## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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		Country Code <sup>3</sup> Number <sup>4</sup> Kind Code <sup>5</sup> (if known)				
		GB 2268711A	01/19/1994	Sir James Laing & Sons Ltd		
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		WO 95/35233	12/28/1995	Ole Andersen		
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## NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS

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		International Search Report for International Application No. PCT/DK02/00678	

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